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TRAINING INSTITUTES FOR GEM AND JEWELLERY ARTISANS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to encourage gem exports from different parts of country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have made any efforts to use the skills of artisans from Andhra Pradesh and other parts of the country;

(d) whether any schools or institutes have been sanctioned to train such artisans ;

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government for setting up of more institutes to train the artisans to work on gem and jewellery exports;

(f) whether any subsidy has been provided to such institutes; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) (b) & (c) As per the export data made available by the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), value of exports of gems, including diamonds, during 1999-2000 was US $ 6987.5 million accounting for about 18.6% of the total Indian exports. A set of export promotion schemes have been prescribed in Chapter 8 of the Export Import Policy (1997-2002) with a view to encourage the gem exports. These schemes can be utilised by any gems & jewellery exporter from any part of the country. However, if any state/area specific suggestion or problem relating to exports is brought to the notice of Commerce Department, necessary action is taken. The southern region of the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council at Chennaihas informed that it had conducted two Training Programmes at Hyderabad in the year 1999-2000 viz;
(i) Diamond Identification and Grading Course; and
(ii) Comprehensive Course in Jewellery Designing. These two courses had 46 and 22 participants respectively. Further such requests for training programmes for diamonds from Andhra Chamber of Commerce & Industry, have been referred by the GJEPC to the Indian Diamond Institute (IDI), Surat. The GJEPC has further informed that council would continue to organise jewellery design courses in Andhra Pradesh and at other places from time to time depending on the demand.

(d) to (g): GJEPC, an autonomous body of the trade, sponsored by Ministry of Commerce & Industry has established the following training institutes:

(i) Indian Gemmological Institute, New Delhi:- This institute provides training in various facets of gemmology.

(ii) Gem Testing Laboratory, Jaipur:- It conducts diploma courses in Gem identification(regular and correspondence), short courses on identification of Emeralds, Rough Gemstones and Navratna and specialised courses as per requirements of the trade.

(iii) Jewellery Product Development Centre(JPDCs) at Delhi, Mumbai and Jaipur.These JPDCs impart trainingin development of latest designs in Jewellery fabrication as per the requirement of the market/clients.

Besides, the above, GJEPC has proposed to establish a Jewellery Design Development Centre of international standard in Mumbai.

Besides the above, Indian Diamond Institute (IDI), Surat is a complete training institute giving training in all the aspects of gems & jewellery sector. Recently IDI has submitted a proposal for the establishment of Sardar Vallabhai Patel Centre of Advanced Jewellery Design and Manufacturing. While 50% of the project cost would be borne by the Govt. of India, the rest of the 50% is proposed to be funded by the State Government of Gujarat. Besides, GJEPC and trade would also contribute to meet the recurring costs of the Centre for managing its day to day affairs.

A lump- sum annual grant is given by Commerce Deptt. to Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council which in turn allocates a portion of the grant to JPDCs and IDI for their activities. Besides, the Deptt. of Commerce gives some direct grant to the IDI. The details of Grants-in-Aid given by Deptt. of Commerce to GJEPC and IDI during the last four years, are as under:

(Amounts in Lakhs of Rupees)

1. Year

2. Grant Given by Department of Commerce to GJEPC

3. Portion of Government grant allocated by GJEPC to Training Institutes like JPDCs, IDI etc.

4. Grant given by Department of Commerce to IDI

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1996-97	100.00	28.89	53.12
1997-98	100.00	17.64	50.28
1998-99	100.00	35.09	34.36
1999-2000	120.00	42.80	6.46